

wicked. For my part, I am so uneasy in my mind, when I have done a fault, that I cannot sleep a wink all night long: and surely Simeon and Levi, who murdered all those people, could not enjoy any happiness.

*Mademoiselle.* No, my dear; when people begin to be wicked, their consciences sting them; but if, notwithstanding such admonitions, they still go on in their crimes, remorse wears off by degrees, and at length the voice of conscience is totally stifled, which is the greatest misfortune that can possibly happen. Observe too, my dear children, how dangerous it is for a young lady to be curious, and to love gadding abroad: if Dinah had been contented to stay at home, she would not have caused all these terrible misfortunes. Women are made for retirement, and ought to bring themselves to love it; I have but a very mean opinion of a young lady that loves to be always rambling about. Some time ago, I  
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told you, it was a woman's duty to look after her family. But it is impossible for them to do this, if they are never at home.

*Miss Sprightly.* But, Mademoiselle, the rich have servants to look after their family; and I always thought that only poor women were obliged to look after their families.

*Mademoiselle.* Indeed, my dear, you are very much mistaken. God never said, that the rich should not eat their bread by the sweat of their brow. Every body ought to work; it is a duty incumbent upon all; and to take care of the family is as much the duty of a lady of quality as that of a tradesman's wife. Nay, even supposing idleness to be no sin, yet ladies should always employ themselves in the management of their houses. Always remember this, my dear children. Though you were ever so rich, yet if you did not look into your affairs yourselves, your servants would, perhaps, cheat you: your tradesmen would agree with them, and over-